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WOMEN SELF HELP GROUPS
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Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has included activities of women Self Help Groups (SHGs) under Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana (PMGSY); and

(b) if so, the details of activities so far taken by the Women SHGs under PMGSY in the country including Maharashtra?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI SUDARSHAN BHAGAT)

(a) to (b): Rural Roads' is a State subject and Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana (PMGSY) is a one-time special intervention by Central government to provide rural connectivity, by way of a single all-weather road, to the eligible unconnected habitations as per core network. The State Governments are required to submit Detailed Project Reports (DPRs) to the Ministry for consideration/approval of projects under PMGSY. In order to determine the most suitable alignment of the proposed roads, sort out issues of land availability (including forest land), moderate any adverse social and environmental impact and elicit necessary community participation in the programme, all States are required to include a simple, non- formal "transect walk" along the proposed alignment of the road, to be organized by the Assistant Engineer along with Panchayat Pradhan, local patwari and Junior Engineer at the time of preparation of DPRs. Recently the Ministry had amended its guideline vide circular No. P-17025/49/2011-RC dated 02.09.2014 directing all the States including Maharashtra to include Women PRI members and representatives of Women Self Help Groups (SHGs) also in the transact walk at the time of preparation of DPRs of proposed PMGSY roads.